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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on January 16, 2001,
please amend the application as indicated, and consider the remarks that follow.

In the Claims:

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 2-5, 17-19, and 21-24.

Please add the following claims.

Sub 26. (New) A method for distributing browser web page requests among two or more web
CDL servers, comprising:

monitoring, by a central manager, the web servers to determine if a predetermined
condition exists at one or more of the web servers; and

if the predetermined condition does exist at one of the web servers, redirecting by that
web server at least one browser request from that web server to another one of the web servers
such that the browser requests the web page from the another one of the web servers, wherein the
redirection is initiated by an agent running on a same host as the web server, the agent in
communication with a web server interface and the central manager, wherein the web server